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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 12065: GDS 03/19/87 (LORIE, ARTHUR L.) OR-P
TAGS: SREF, EAID, PK, AF, EEC
SUBJ: EC SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: A) STATE 64533; B) BRUSSELS 2572

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, MISSION NOTES THAT EC COMMISSION
PROPOSAL TO EC COUNCIL FOR 15,000-TON CEREALS CONTRIBUTION
TO UNHCR FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES WAS INADVERTENTLY TRANSMITTED
(REF B) AS 1,500 TONS.

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3. POLCOUNS MARCH 18 CALLED ON EC COMMISSION AID OPERATIONS

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DIRECTOR FRANCOIS VAN HOEK TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF. POLCOUNS LEFT A NON-PAPER WITH VAN HOEK DRAWN FROM REF A, AND URGED EC TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD PLEDGES IN VIEW OF RECENT SHARP INCREASE IN REFUGEE POPULATION.

4. IN ADDITION TO 15,000 TONS FOR UNHCR, VAN HOEK NOTED THAT WFP RECENTLY CALLED FORWARD 5,000 TONS OF CEREALS ALLOCATED TO WFP UNDER THE EC'S 1980 PROGRAM. HE SAID UNDER THE 1981 EC REGULAR FOOD AID PROGRAM THE EC WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL "BLOCK" GRANTS IN CEREALS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (MFGN AND BUTTEROIL) TO WFP TO BE ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE WFP IS ACTIVE. FOLLOWING EC COUNCIL APPROVAL OF 1981 PROGRAM (NEXT MONTH), COMMISSION WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE WORD FROM WFP ON PLANNED UTILIZATION OF THESE GRANTS.

5. AS TO NON-FOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF, VAN HOEK WAS NOT SANGUINE AT ALL. HE REMINDED POLCOUNS THAT EC'S 1981 EMERGENCY AID BUDGET (FOR NON-LOME CONVENTION COUNTRIES) IS ONLY 3 MILLION EUROPEAN UNITS OF ACCOUNT AND THAT COMMISSION, IN PROPOSING CONTRIBUTION TO KHAMR RELIEF (SEPTIL), HAS ALREADY OBLIGED TO BORROW TEMPORARILY FROM OTHER BUDGET ACCOUNTS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, VAN HOEK SAID HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN APPEAL FROM UNHCR'S HARTLING REGARDING AFGHAN REFUGEES; HENCE, FOR ALL THESE REASONS, EC FINANCIAL AID IS NOT CURRENTLY ENVISAGED.

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